



Andamooka Progress & Opal Miners Association Inc.

'Preserving our past and planning for our future'

MINUTES: GENERAL MEETING of MEMBERS, 17th November 2019 at 1.30pm

Andamooka Community Hall, Opal Creek Blvd, Andamooka SA 5722

Minutes taken: Rodney Mitchell / G Rowley, Written: G Rowley

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ITEM #			ACTION:
1	WELCOME	Meeting opened: 1.40pm	
2	PRESENT / IN ATTENDANCE	<p>Committee Present: Peter Allen (Chair) Donna Waters (Vice Chair) Rodney Mitchell (Secretary) Gill Rowley (Treasurer) Keith Bartram (Vice Treasurer) Julie Franklin</p> <p>Financial Members Present: Richard Hawkins – APOMA Project Manager / Asset Maintenance, Tanya Simpson – APOMA Events Coordinator/ Membership Officer K Wilby, A Heath, R Christensen, C Christensen, R McKenzie, B Burge, S Sheedy, C Mitchell, Tarzan Anic, J Unic, L Christensen, J Rogers. Rusty Pfitzner.</p> <p>Quorum of 21 financial members.</p> <p>Members Present (non-financial): nil New Member Applicants in Attendance: T Noske Non-members in Attendance: P Killeen</p>	
2.1	APOLOGIES	Apologies: A Johnson, I Thompson, R Ashenden, B Addington, H Gordon, J Wilby, G Franklin.	
2.3	LODGEMENT OF PROXIES	No members lodged proxies for the meeting	
2.4	PREVIOUS MINUTES	<p>Drafts of minutes from previous member meetings were presented to members for discussion:</p> <p>Tarzan – need to have a miners meeting Need discussion about digging in town.</p>	
3.	GENERAL BUSINESS	<p>3.1. Overview of July to September quarter and current activities to end 2019 Treasurer G Rowley provided an overview of the financials at the end of the first quarter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APOMA / Town Office now manages what was the 'parks and gardens' contract This is working more efficiently with local management. 	

- The level of income now requires being registered for GST which has been set up in consultation with the appointed professional accountants which are also now required to provide an end of year report.
- Day by day financials and monthly reports are managed in the Town Office with assistance as required from the appointed BAS registered independent bookkeeper located locally in Roxby Downs.
- Quarterly reports are produced independently by the bookkeeper and forwarded to the accountants for a brief check.
- financials are now managed in two separate divisions –
 - Association for APOMA related mostly non-GST items which are not included in BAS
 - Town Management which includes projects and attracts GST obligations with quarterly BAS lodgements and an anticipated return overall at end of the financial year.
 - This has the advantage of being able to demonstrate how much APOMA is contributing to the town in addition to the CCS, also to clearly show how CCS contributions and CARM funding is being spent. This should attract a \$1 for \$1 match of funds from Government. This is something which the committee continues to press for.

3.2. Independent Quarterly Financial Report to end September:

Independent quarterly report to end September 2019 presented showing a sound financial position once the CARM income for the quarter is included which is received in October. Figures to end October provided.

Agreed that future quarterly reports will extend to the ensuing month to include these figures so that it provides a clearer picture of the actual end of quarter results.

Motion: That the independent financial report for the first quarter 2019-20 is accepted as presented.

Moved: A Heath	Seconded: R Mitchell
Passed	Against: 0
	CARRIED

3.2.2/3. Quarterly Financial and Budget Report to end October 2019 – Association & Town Management incorporating 2nd quarter CARM income.

& 3.2.6. Andamooka CARM Agreement and Budget.

Treasurer G Rowley provided an overview of the financials and budget outcomes for the quarter, explaining how the APOMA budget dovetailed into

		<p>the agreed CARM Agreement and reporting that all items are in line with budget expectations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caravan & camp-ground in excess of budget which can be attributed to greater visitor numbers July to October, extended stays and the two additional power outlets. • Asset management now includes parks and gardens and CDP as all are inter-related. • Discussion over the manner in which the budget is reported on in the newsletter and on screen resulted in the decision to publish in a graph form. <p>3.2.3. Update on Asset & Project Management and Grants</p> <p>a) Treasurer G Rowley reported that all grants are up to date including acquittals. Funds from two major grants received in 2018-19 for the grader shed and hall improvements have been carried over into this financial year with all expenditure in this period.</p> <p>Additional funding has been received for the grader shed / lapidary shed project via OCA Drought Funding. This has freed up some funding to put towards the progress of the lapidary project. GR provided an overview of a major grant opportunity for a community recreation facility to be lodged in December and put this to the floor for support for the project which was well received with a consensus to go ahead.</p> <p>B) R Hawkins presented an overview of the status of projects completed, in progress and pending. Work on various projects associated with the hall will be undertaken over the Christmas break when the café is closed and youth activities are in recess. Community kitchen fit out and Lapidary shed progressing to be ready for major events Easter.</p> <p>3.2.5.Update Community Programs & Activities</p> <p>The need for a community wifi hub will be met at the Hub. Seeking funding via the Government 'Be Connected' program to assist with community education and access.</p> <p>Other programs in progress include the Lapidary program and wellness program.</p> <p>3.3. Draft Town & Community Plan 2020-2025</p> <p>A synopsis of the Plan was displayed on screen.</p> <p><i>G Rowley presenter:</i></p> <p>The APOMA Management Plan 2016-19 has achieved most of its objectives with sound progress continuing on a final few.</p> <p>To take the town forward into a sustainable future, a business focussed Town and Community Plan is in the process of being drafted in full together with related business cases around particular projects, programs and opportunities.</p>	
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It is anticipated that the Plan will be put for formal adoption by members and the community at the mid-year meeting 2020.

The Plan is intended to address the challenges the town faces in the future and to find solutions for meeting these, also to identify and form strategies to take up opportunities that can keep the town vibrant and economically sound.

The consensus of the meeting was positive support for the Plan.

3.4. Current challenges, issues & opportunities heading into 2020

PA – a major challenge we face is funding town management for the long term. Issue of OCA being the governing body and Government entity poses restrictions and to often funding is focussed on the whims of Government priorities of the time and generally they are disengaged from individual communities within their region.

The greatest challenge was seen as being overcoming the situation with Andamooka being too small to be self-governed by council, but too large to fit within the OCA model. So we need to develop a model that will work for Andamooka and yet be compatible with the OCA.

3.5. Proposed major projects for 2019/2020 and 2020/21 for discussion and prioritisation.

- Finalising the community kitchen/workshop at the hall. This is planned to be fitted out before Easter 2020.
- Finalising the community hall upgrade with youth storage & new front to the ‘white room’.
- Lapidary program – upgrading of the works shed to house the program – seeking funding opportunities for this.
- Community recreation facility that will better accommodate youth, provide for fitness activities and children’s activities as well as other community activities plus have a multi-purpose court that will meet the day to day needs of the community, especially youth and children but also social sport daytime and evenings.
- Major funding opportunities and locations are being considered for the recreation facilities.

GR – *the committee is seeking the support of the members and community to progress with planning and seeking funding for a community recreation facility.*

Passed by majority show of hands.

Question: R McKenzie – when is the shade shelter being redone at the Town Park.

RH: *the shade sail is going to be replaced with a solid roof which will also be water-proof. That is intended to be completed by ANZAC Day.*

